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Tuesday, June 17
Emergency Severity Index (ESI) Triage

Tuesday, June 24
Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC)

Wednesday, June 25
IV Therapy for LPNs

For more information about events and a full listing of upcoming programs, please visit our website.

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Available at SCHOOLS
https://www.scahec.net/schoolsregistration/Videos.aspx

Visit South Carolina AHEC Regional Centers

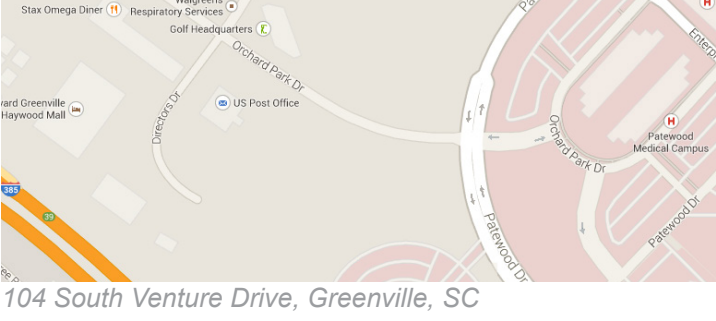
Upstate AHEC Hosts Open House to Celebrate New Location



Pictured above, from left to right: Upstate Board Member Steven L. Evans, South Carolina AHEC Executive Director Dr. David Garr, Upstate AHEC Board Chairman Donna Anderson, Upstate AHEC Center Director Fay Brown, Upstate AHEC Board Vice Chairman Kay Swisher, Upstate AHEC Board Treasurer Al Squire

Upstate AHEC is excited to announce that they are finally in their new building at 104 South Venture Drive in Greenville, SC. Upstate AHEC celebrated the move on May 21 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception. The staff was pleased to welcome current and former board members, colleagues, and others instrumental in making the new building a success.

There was a short ceremony in front of the building that began with speeches by Executive Director Fay Brown and Board Chair Donna Anderson as well as a touching prayer by board member Steven L. Evans. Ms. Anderson cut the ribbon and guests were welcomed inside for refreshments and an opportunity to learn more about the history, mission and goals of AHEC.



104 South Venture Drive, Greenville, SC

Several board members spoke about Upstate AHEC and how far the entire AHEC program has come in the last 40 years. It was a great day to celebrate the organization's many accomplishments and show appreciation to all those who helped make the move a reality. With a state-of-the-art lectern and projection system, as well as accessible parking, the new training room has already been used for continuing

education programs and has been a great success. Upstate AHEC is proud to own their own building and looks forward to the future opportunities that it will bring.

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Lowcountry AHEC Breaks Ground for New Building



Pictured above, from left to right: Carl Brown of Mitchell Construction, Center Director Diane Mathews, Board Member Virginia Berry-White, Jeremy Ware of Colleton County Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Bill Young of Walterboro turning the soil

Lowcountry AHEC broke ground for its new building on June 2 in Walterboro, SC. Members of the community from Walterboro and Colleton County, Lowcountry AHEC board members, and staff from Lowcountry AHEC and the South Carolina AHEC program office were in attendance for the construction milestone.

Lowcountry AHEC Center Director Diane Mathews remarked on the growth and progress of Lowcountry AHEC, as well as the many ways in which the new facility will allow them to continue serving their 12 county region. Reverend Randy Morgan offered a blessing of the ground and Walterboro Mayor Bill Young spoke on the impact the building project and Lowcountry AHEC will have on the area. South Carolina AHEC Executive Director Dr. David Garr congratulated Lowcountry AHEC on becoming one of the now three regional AHEC centers (joining Mid-Carolina and Upstate AHECs) that owns its own building.

Lowcountry AHEC's new facility will be nearly 5,000 square feet with spacious on-site parking. The building will include office space and a teaching classroom and conference room, both of which will be outfitted for videoconferencing. The new location will be at 87 Academy Road in Walterboro and completion is anticipated in the spring of 2015.

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AHEC Pipeline in Action: Jada Suber Recounts Her Biology Conference Trip

Jada Suber is a rising senior at Presbyterian College and a recent recipient of an award to travel to the Experimental Biology Conference in San Diego. This is her account of the trip.



While completing undergraduate research at the Medical University of South Carolina this past summer, Mrs. Angelica Christie [Director of Health Career Programs for South Carolina AHEC] informed me of an opportunity to attend the Experimental Biology Conference in San Diego, California. I would be given a Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) travel award to attend the conference with Dr. Titus Reaves and a few members of his laboratory from the Medical University of South Carolina. The opportunity sounded phenomenal, and while the travel award would reimburse for the trip expenses, AHEC was willing to pay for all upfront costs for me to participate. Not only did this allow me to take my first flight, but it also enabled me to experience my first biology conference.

While there, I attended multiple workshops spanning topics aimed at building my CV and preparing for graduate school. These workshops were encouraging, and the staff members conducting the workshops were more than willing to offer extra assistance to help each individual after each session. While I was comforted in knowing that the staff members were willing to help with any of my questions, I was pleasantly surprised at the number of participants sitting in on the workshops who were also equally willing to help and offer advice.

During the conference, I was also able to get a one-on-one session to discuss my CV, and from this opportunity I received useful suggestions to better my competitiveness for my future pursuits. My mentor then introduced me to many different scientific professionals who were all interested in helping me plan and prepare for my future aspirations. My mentor also helped me to become a member of the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) during the conference. After becoming a member, I was then able to attend and network with other ASIP members during their reception.

By attending the Experimental Biology Conference, I can easily say that I was exposed to a larger community of experienced researchers who offered me new knowledge and a broader understanding of research and research-based opportunities. I was introduced to new types of research that I believe will benefit me as I continue to conduct research in the near future. It was amazing to see how much research is being conducted to benefit our society.

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Lowcountry AHEC Welcomes New Continuing Education Coordinator



Deborah (Deb) Pressley, MBA, has joined Lowcountry AHEC as Continuing Education Coordinator. She has over 30 years of experience in health care and education. Specifically, Ms. Pressley has worked as an allied health instructor, college administrator, certified medical assistant, and phlebotomist. She holds a Master of Business Administration with concentrations in Healthcare Management and Human Resource Management along with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. Her duties at Lowcountry AHEC include: conduct needs assessment as part of the Lowcountry AHEC continuing education team; assess, plan, implement, and evaluate CE nursing and allied

health programs; and identify nursing continuing education event resources to include instructors, & venue sites.

Ms. Pressley can be reached at pressleyd@lcahec.com.

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Robin Estrada Selected as 2014 Breakthrough Graduate Scholar



The Office of the Vice President for Research at the University of South Carolina (USC) recently announced that Robin Estrada, CPNP, has been selected as a 2014 Breakthrough Graduate Scholar. The Breakthrough Graduate Scholars program honors USC graduate students who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and make considerable contributions to research and scholarly activities in their field. These young faculty members and graduate scholars enrich student experiences through their work as teachers and mentors.

Ms. Estrada is a longtime pediatric preceptor in the Mid-Carolina AHEC region and has trained many Medical University of South Carolina physician assistant students during their clinical year. She was also an annual speaker on the topic of cross-cultural patient care for Mid-Carolina AHEC's presentation of the South Carolina Rural Interdisciplinary Program of Training (SCRIPT).

Ms. Estrada's research is concerned with the content and quality of communication between nurse practitioners and patients with limited English proficiency. Her abstract, entitled "An Analysis of Interpreter-Mediated Healthcare Interactions," describes how appropriate communication in primary care encounters contributes to diagnostic decision-making, the provision of culturally appropriate interventions, and ultimately a positive impact on health outcomes. Her area of interest adds an extra dimension to the clinical experience her students enjoy, and her reputation for excellence provides a positive role model in how to achieve it in every role they ultimately fulfill. Mid-Carolina AHEC extends congratulations to Ms. Estrada and is proud of our association with her.

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Call for Research Abstracts and Posters

Upstate AHEC, in Collaboration with the Nursing Research Committee of the Greenville Health System, AnMed Health, Nursing Division Greenville Technical College and Gamma Mu Chapter and Mu Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, is sponsoring its Twelfth Annual Research Symposium Collaboration: Research Partnerships on September 26, 2014.

Abstracts must be submitted no later than June 11, 2014. Notice of acceptance will be sent via email to applicants no later than July 11, 2014.

For full information on submissions, please check out the flyer [here](#).

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Healthcare Quality and Safety
Can I Manage My Drinking or Do I Have to Quit?
Fibromyalgia Therapy Interventions
Young Stroke: Changing the Way We View Stroke
Blood Cholesterol Management
Mental Health and Weight Loss Surgery

To view a program, visit ahecu.org.

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